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ABC COMMISSION APPROVES LOCATIONS FOR ABC STORES AND ADVANCES RULES FOR GROWLERS AND IN-STAND BEER SALES

RALEIGH – The three-member North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission today unanimously voted to approve ABC store locations proposed by the Dare County ABC Board for 2210 South Croatan Highway, Nags Head, and by the Johnston County ABC Board for 9576 US Highway 70 East, Princeton.

The Commission accepted proposed language regarding growlers (rigid glass or metal containers that can contain up to 2 liters of beer) and added additional stipulations to the proposed rules. The Commission also accepted the language regarding sales of beer in stands at professional sporting events. The draft rules now advance to the next stage of the approval process, which will involve a public hearing, publication in the North Carolina Register and review by the Rules Review Commission. The process may be completed in the next two to six months. The new proposed rules are required by recent legislative changes.

In other action, the Commission levied more than \$56,000 in fines or suspensions of five days or more on representatives of 47 clubs, convenience stores, restaurants and other businesses holding permits to sell alcohol in North Carolina. Fines begin September 13 and suspensions September 20.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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